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Mr. Raymond M. Lisle  
Director  
Office of Eastern European Affairs  
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Dear Ray:

In accord with the interests expressed by you during our discussion on 11 January, I asked our people to look into the question of Soviet Bloc aid policies toward the DRV. The results of their research and analysis are incorporated in the attached report, Soviet Bloc Aid to the DRV: Evidence of Tokenism and Elusiveness.

Although data were too few and scattered to permit a definitive, country-by-country assessment, the evidence was nonetheless sufficient to permit a number of general conclusions to be drawn regarding the policies of the Bloc as a whole, with supporting examples from individual Bloc countries.

Sincerely,

/s/

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William M. Maxwell, Jr.  
Director  
Research and Reports

Attachment:

is enclosed

cc: Mr. Malcolm Toon, SOV/EUR/State

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